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THE RECESSION'S IMPACT ON THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMUNITY

Washington Post reporter seeks impact on Milwaukee's African-American community

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors Elizabeth M. Coggs, Peggy A. West and Toni M. Clark are inviting all Milwaukee County residents to participate in a special event Tuesday hosted by the Task Force on Work Reform for Men of Color. Krissah Thompson, a reporter from *The Washington Post* newspaper, will meet with the group to discuss the high unemployment rate of people of color and learn more about the Task Force.

“We invite all Milwaukee County residents to attend this symposium and share their experiences and thoughts with our visitor from Washington, D.C.,” Supervisor Coggs said. “We appreciate that Ms. Thompson is coming to Milwaukee to hear these accounts first-hand.”

“The employment picture for Milwaukee County families is daunting,” Supervisor West said. “Hopefully this national news attention will generate some buzz that we have individuals in Milwaukee County who are ready, able and willing to work.”

“Even before the recession started, Milwaukee’s African-American unemployment rate was already the 2nd highest in the nation,” Supervisor Clark added. “We need all the help we can get in righting this ship.”

Milwaukee County Crisis Roundtable Forum Part 4

Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Community Center

1531 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee, WI

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